

Agenda

Mayor's Task Force on Suicide and Mental Health

October 17, 2008 • City Hall Annex, 50 Evergreen Ave., 1st fl. conf. Rm. • 8:30 – 9:30 am

Goals of the meeting:

- Share information and resources to develop strategies and identify methods to raise awareness on Depression and to inform the community about available supports.
 - Review clip from “Depression: True Stories” to determine if and how this might be utilized
 - Discuss future meeting schedule, dates, time and location
 - Review draft of Press Release on the publication of “Coping with Youth Suicide” written by Somerville professionals regarding the response to youth suicide.
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| 1. Welcome & Introductions | Patty Contente | <u>5 minutes</u> |
| 2. Review of Community Resources to Address Depression | | <u>30 minutes</u> |
| | Review list of current support groups/hot line #'s | Patty Contente 5 minutes |
| | Input from Members regarding local services | ALL 10 minutes |
| | Review clip from Depression: True Stories, DVD | 15 minutes |
| 3. Develop Plan to implement awareness campaign on Depression | | <u>20 minutes</u> |
| | Discuss writing article for local newspapers & publications | |
| | Determine: who will write, what audience do we want to target, what approach | |
| | Identify groups/programs that may be interested in hearing about this issue | |
| | Discuss what type of presentation or discussion could be adapted to various groups | |
| | Discuss how to utilize local youth in addressing this issue. | |
| 4. Next Steps for Task Force and Suicide Prevention Work | | <u>5 minutes</u> |
| | Meeting Schedule –day, time & location | |
| 5. Announcements & Wrap-up | | <u>5 minutes</u> |

Next meeting: TBD

Handouts:

- *Mayor's Suicide Prevention & Mental Health Task Force Meeting Minutes from 9/25/08*